

CHAPTER

V. 1806.

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IN September, 1806, it became very manifest that, as a war should break out between France and Prussia, would not be slow in forming an alliance with the power. Peace had, however, been re-established by Napoleon and Alexander by virtue of a treaty just signed at Paris. By that treaty Russia was to evacuate the Bonaire Islands,¹ a condition with which she was in no way to comply. I received a number of the Court Gazette of Petersburg, containing a ukase of the Emperor of Russia which Alexander pointed out the danger which again in Europe, showed the necessity of adopting precautions for general tranquillity and the security of his own Empire. He declared his determination of not only completing his army. He therefore ordered a levy of one-fourth of every 500 inhabitants.

¹ The Bouches du Cattaro, on the eastern coast of the Adriatic, that part of the Dalmatian possessions of Venice. By the treaty of Campo Formido, 17th October, 1797, and of Luneville, 9th February, 1801, they fell to who, however, had to cede them to France by the treaty of Presbourg, December, 1805, after Austerlitz. The Russians, assisted by a fleet, with some complicity on the part of the Austrian garrison, took them; and it was not till the 12th August, 1807, after the treaty was concluded, that they were handed over to Marmont (see tome iii. p. 57). In 1815 they fell to Austria, and they have only lately been the subject of disputes between her and the Turks in the last Montenapoleonic affair.